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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3093
INFO AMEMBASSY DARESSALAAM
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MOPS, RH, BC
SUBJECT: BOTSWANA/RHODESIA CLASH AT KAZUNGULA

1. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT SEPTEMBER
6: QUOTE: AT ABOUT 1:00 THIS AFTERNOON THE BDF OBSERVATION POINT
AT KAZUNGULA SAW A CONTINGENT OF RHODESIAN REBEL FORCES ADVANC-
ING FROM THE RHODESIAN SIDE TOWARDS THE BOTSWANA BORDER IN LAND-
ROVERS AND OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES. THE REBEL FORCES THEN TOOK
POSITIONS CLOSE TO THE BORDER FENCE AND STARTED FIRING AT BDF
POSITIONS ON THE BOTSWANA SIDE. THE BDF RETURNED FIRE AND
SHOOTING CONTINUED FOR ABOUT FORTY MINUTES. THERE WERE NO
CASUALTIES ON THE BOTSWANA SIDE. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WAS ABLE TO FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMA-

TION IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY. INCIDENT IS UNUSUAL IN
THAT GOB ALLEGES IT INVOLVED ADVANCE OF COLUMN OF MILITARY VE-
HICLES RATHER THAN SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF FIRE FROM FIXED INSTALLA-
TIONS. FOLLOWING AS IT DOES ON THE AIR RHODESIA CRASH,

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THIS INCIDENT MAY OCCASION MORE THAN THE USUAL INCREASE
IN TENSION ALONG RHODESIA/BOTSWANA BORDER.
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Message Attributes

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